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PASSING ON SENSITIVE MILITARY INFORMATION TO PAK OFFICIAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which the defence personnel were found involved in passing on classified information to Pak official during the last three years, till date;

(b) the action taken by the Government on each case; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government so far to revamp the system in dealing with sensitive documents to make their leakage fool proof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) As per available reports, forty five Defence Personnel have been found involved in passing sensitive information to Pakistan officials, during the last three years.

(b) Out of forty five persons, eight defence personnel have been dismissed/removed from service. One person has committed suicide and another is reported to be absconding. Disciplinary/General Court Martial/Investigation proceedings are in progress in respect of the remaining thirty five persons.

(c) Vigil at various stages against leakage of sensitive information to hostile elements has been stepped up and suitable preventive measures have been initiated from time to time to thwart the efforts of hostile intelligence agencies.